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**UTILITY****PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No. 2003 P 50820 US

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Title A Method of Forming Isolation Dummy Fill Structures

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 20]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]

- a.  Newly executed (original or copy)

- b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)

- b.  Specification Sequence Listing on:

- i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

- ii.  paper

- c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
(when there is an assignee)  Attorney

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
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